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RADIO HISTORY: BILL ORR W6SAI - Well-known ham radio author and longtime CQ magazine columnist Bill Orr, W6SAI, passed away at his home on January 24. Orr, who was 81, lived in Menlo Park, California. His radio-related books (some of which were co-authored with longtime friend Stu Cowan, W2LX) included the "Radio Handbook," the "Beam Antenna Handbook," "All About Cubical Quads" and "The W6SAI HF Antenna Handbook." He wrote two columns for CQ, "Antennas" from 1973-1980, and "Radio Fundamentals" from 1990 to 1998. In between, he was a columnist for *Ham Radio* magazine. In January, 1995, he and Joe Lynch, N6CL, wrote the only comprehensive post-World War II history of amateur radio in the 50th Anniversary issue of CQ.

First licensed as W2HCE in 1934, Bill started out on 160 meters, then discovered DX on 20 and received an early "WAC Phone" award for making voice contacts with all continents -- a much more difficult task in the 1930s than it is today. In 1938, he moved to California, where he received W6SAI, the call sign he retained for the rest of his life. During World War II, Bill worked in Douglas Aircraft's Radio Test Department, and after the war, he worked briefly for the Missile Division of Hughes Aircraft before joining vacuum tube manufacturer Eitel-McCullogh (Eimac), where he worked for 28 years until his retirement.

On the ham bands, Bill reactivated his station as quickly as possible after wartime restrictions were lifted, and in short order earned ARRL DXCC Award #17 and CQ WAZ Award #4. He was part of the original Project OSCAR team responsible for designing, building and launching the first ham radio satellite, OSCAR-1. Bill was also part of the first-ever 1296-MHz Earth-Moon-Earth contact between W6HB (the Eimac Radio Club) and W1FZJ (the Rhododendrum Swamp Radio Society). In recent years, Bill's favorite bands were 18 and 24 MHz, plus 1296, which he called "the undiscovered band," a favorite ever since that historic EME contact.



(Editor's note: I worked Bill a number of times, notably on Straight Key Night. One smooth operator! We will miss him. WB2AWQ)

<http://hamgallery.com/Tribute/W6SAI/w6sai.pdf>

TO DO: Please support the club! Call members and see how they are doing!

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73, Don W7SSB

As always we hope you enjoy these Mini Statics!

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